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SUBJECT: TURNOVER IN RCP CENTRAL ORGANS AT 11TH PARTY CONGRESS

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1. IN OBVIOUS EFFORT TO GET RID OF DEAD-WOOD WHILE AT SAME TIME
STIMULATING INCREASED ACTIVITY WITHIN PARTY RANKS,RCP CENTRAL
ORGANS (CENTRAL COMMITTEE, CENTRAL AUDITING COMMISSION AND
CENTRAL COLLEGIUM) HAVE BEEN ENLARGED AND TURNOVER OF PERSONNEL
HAS MORE THAN MET ONE-THIRD CRITERIA SET BY PARTY STATUTE.

ALL 40 COUNTY FIRST SECRETARIES (INCLUDING BUCHAREST MUNICIPALITY)
ARE NOW FULL CC MEMBERS (AN INCREASE OF 9) WHILE MILITARY
REPRESENTATION HAS INCREASED BY ADDITIONAL 3 FULL CC MEMBERS.
REPRESENTATION OF INTELLECTUALS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY
DOWNGRADED IN BOTH QUALITY AND QUANTITY, REFLECTING POOR

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CULTURAL OUTLOOK.

2. WHILE ONLY 35 PERCENT OF FULL CC MEMBERS ARE NEW, MASSIVE CHANGE HAS TAKEN PLACE AMONG CANDIDATE MEMBERS (80 PERCENT NEW) AND IN CENTRAL AUDITING COMMISSION (CAC) AND CENTRAL COLLEGIUM (BOTH HAVE HAD OVER 90 PERCENT OF MEMBERSHIP CHANGED). IN CONTRAST TO PAST PRACTICE, COLLEGIUM NOW CONTAINS ONLY ONE MEMBER, ITS CHAIRMAN, CHIVU STOICA, WHO IS ALSO ON CC.

3. IN CONTRAST TO NARROWING OF DECISION-MAKING PYRAMID IN TOP PARTY BODIES, ALL OF CENTRAL ORGANS HAVE BEEN ENLARGED - THE CC FROM 186 FULL MEMBERS AND 132 CANDIDATES TO 205 FULL AND 156 CANDIDATES; THE AUDITING COMMISSION FROM 45 TO 49 MEMBERS; AND THE COLLEGIUM FROM 8 TO 15 MEMBERS.

4. MOST NOTABLE OF THOSE TO DROP COMPLETELY OFF CENTRAL ORGANS ARE FORMER PRIME MINISTER MAURER; MATEI GHIGIU, ALREADY RELIEVED OF HIS POSITION AS MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION; AND STILL FUNCTIONING (BUT POSSIBLY NOT FOR LONG) MINISTER OF JUSTICE, TEODOR VASILUI.

5. RAPIDLY RISING NEW-COMERS INCLUDE 23 INDIVIDUALS ELAUCED DIRECTLY TO FULL CC STATUS WITHOUT HAVING FIRST SERVED AS CANDIDATE MEMBERS. THE GROUP INCLUDES SEVERAL COUNTY FIRST SECRETARIES (BALAN, CATRINESCU, FORIS, MUSAT, PLOSTINARU, AND VELISCU), THREE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES (GOMOIU, HORTOPAN, AND ULMEANU) AND BOTH RECENTLY APPOINTED DEPUTY MINISTERS OF EDUCATION (BODGAN AND MANOLESCU), AS WELL AS DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER PACOSTE, MINISTER OF LIGHT INDUSTRY CAZAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE WRITER'S UNION TEODORESCU, WHO MAY NOW BE IN LINE FOR TOP JOB, GIVEN ZAHARIA STANCU'S CRITICAL ILLNESS. TEODORESCU IS ALSO ONLY PROMINENT CULTURAL FIGURE TO GAIN CC STATUS, WHILE SEVERAL HAVE BEEN DROPPED (BARANGA, KOVACS, STANCU, DUMITRESCU-BUSULENGA). REPRESENTATION OF SECURITY ORGANS HAS REMAINED AT ABOUT PREVIOUS LEVEL; THEY NOW HAVE 2 FULL MEMBERS AND 2 CANDIDATES, INCLUDING TEODOR COMAN, FORMER FIRST SECRETARY OF TULCEA COUNTY, JUST NAMED TO REPLACE G. RADUICA AS DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERIOR.

6. THERE ARE MORE WOMEN ON THE CC THIS TIME (37 AS COMPARED TO 33), ALTHOUGH NUMBER OF FEMALE FULL MEMBERS HAS DECREASED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM 14 TO 10. HUNGARIANS ARE LESS WELL REPRESENTED THAN BEFORE (THEIR NUMBER HAS DECREASED FROM 29 TO 21), WHILE GERMAN AND SERB REPRESENTATION REMAINS THE SAME AT SEVEN AND THREE, RESPECTIVELY.

7. COMMENT: INCREASING NUMBER OF POSITIONS (FROM 371 TO 425) WHILE "INSTITUTIONALIZING" PRINCIPLE OF AT LEAST ONE-THIRD ROTATION, PRESENTS CEAUSESCU AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO REWARD THOSE

PARTY MEMBERS OF PROVEN SERVICE AND LOYALTY, WHILE DROPPING NON-PERFORMERS. HE HAS MADE GOOD USE OF THIS PREROGATIVE AT THE 11TH CONGRESS.
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